

CLAIMS

1. A baton consisting of at least two tube sections that are telescopically arranged within one another, namely an outer tube section (1) and an inner tube section (2) that can be interlocked in the extended and in the retracted position, wherein a radially adjustable locking crown (4) is arranged in the end region (3) of the inner tube section (2) that can be retracted into the outer tube section (2) [sic], and wherein a circumferential locking groove (8) is arranged on the inside of the end region (7) of the outer tube section (1),  
characterized in  
that the locking crown (4) is composed of a number of parts that are realized in the form of sectors of a circle and can be joined so as to form a ring, in  
that the locking crown (4) protrudes over the end region (3) of the inner tube section (2) with a locking bead (5), and in  
that an expanding cone (11) for the locking crown (4) that is fixed on the end of a positioning rod (10) and can be axially adjusted to a limited degree is arranged in the inner tube section (2) opposite of the locking groove (8) for the locking bead (5).
2. The baton according to Claim 1,  
characterized in  
that the locking crown (4) is fixed in a circumferential holding groove (12) of the inner tube section (2) with a holding bead (6) that has a smaller diameter than the locking bead (5).
3. The baton according to Claim 1,  
characterized in  
that the positioning rod (10) is connected to a push-button (13) that is under the influence of a spring

(9) and arranged in an end cap (14) screwed into the outer tube section (1) such that it can be easily accessed and actuated.

4. The baton according to Claim 1,  
characterized in  
that the inner tube section (2) is also provided with an end cap (16) on its extension side, wherein said end cap can be engaged with a locking extension (17) of the positioning rod (10) that protrudes over the expanding cone (11) in the retracted position.
5. The baton according to Claim 1,  
characterized in  
that another tube end section (15) that has a correspondingly reduced diameter and comprises an end cap (16) is arranged in the inner tube section (2), in that this additional tube end section (15) is provided with a locking crown (19) of correspondingly reduced diameter in its retractable end region (18), in that the inner tube section (2) contains a circumferential locking groove (24), and in that another opposite expanding cone (25) is assigned to the locking groove (24) and carried by a rod (26) that is supported in the positioning rod (10) in an extendible fashion and extends through the expanding cone (11).
6. The baton according to Claim 1,  
characterized in  
that the locking crown (4) is realized in one piece and made of a material with limited elasticity, preferably polyamide.
7. The baton according to Claim 2,  
characterized in

that both sides of the locking crown (4) are provided with equidistant slots that divide the locking and holding beads (5, 6).

8. The baton according to Claim 1,  
characterized in  
that sliding rings (21) are arranged between the telescopic tube sections (1, 2; 2, 15) in corresponding receptacle grooves (20).
9. The baton according to Claim 1,  
characterized in  
that the fixing or holding tension is generated with the aid of a clamping ring (27) of suitable material that can be inserted into the locking crown (4).
10. The baton according to Claim 1,  
characterized in  
that at least one ventilation bore (22) is provided in the end cap (14) screwed into the outer tube section (1) for pressure compensation purposes.